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District Travels

These past few weeks were busy as I traveled throughout the 14th District and meeting with constituents and employers to discuss the concerns on your minds.



(Rep. Hultgren joins ribbon cutting at Anthony Place senior living center in Yorkville)



(Rep. Hultgren visits with residents and staff at Anthony Place Senior Apartments center)



(Rep. Hultgren visits Roquette Americas in Geneva which specializes in starch, glucose and corn syrups used in foods and beverages)



(Rep. Hultgren visits DS Containers in Batavia and West Chicago, makers of aerosol packaging which are looking closely at the impact of aluminum tariffs on their business)

Tariffs Take Us in the Wrong Direction

Yesterday, the country received some great news: employers added 223,000 jobs in May, lowering the unemployment rate to an 18-year(!) low of 3.8 percent. Unemployment is down across the board as a result of pro-growth policies like tax cuts. We need to build on that clear momentum—not risk a slowdown with the Trump Administration’s decision to move forward to impose hefty tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum from the European Union, Canada and Mexico.

As I have talked with job creators throughout the 14th District this week, they’ve told me how tariffs could harm the future of their businesses and the people who work there. Mexico and the European Union have already announced retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods like produce, meat products and various metal products—many of which are produced in Illinois. Canada has threatened similar action. This escalating trade war will have devastating impacts on our American manufacturing and agricultural sectors.

I have fought hard to ensure that manufacturing businesses and farmers in my district have the ability to expand, produce and compete globally. Free trade has helped Illinois and our country prosper, and protectionist policies like tariffs only increase the cost of products and commodities produced here and lead to the loss of American jobs. At this time of economic growth, the last thing we should be waging is a trade war.

Here’s a [letter 106 of my colleagues and I sent to the president](#) in March with alternatives.

STEM Scholars, Space Telescopes and Sub-Ice Rovers

Our local STEM ambassadors are hard at work! The STEM Scholars and I viewed a sub-ice rover used to conduct research in Antarctica and tested out laser cutters at Northern Illinois University, and worked alongside engineers at Northrop Grumman.



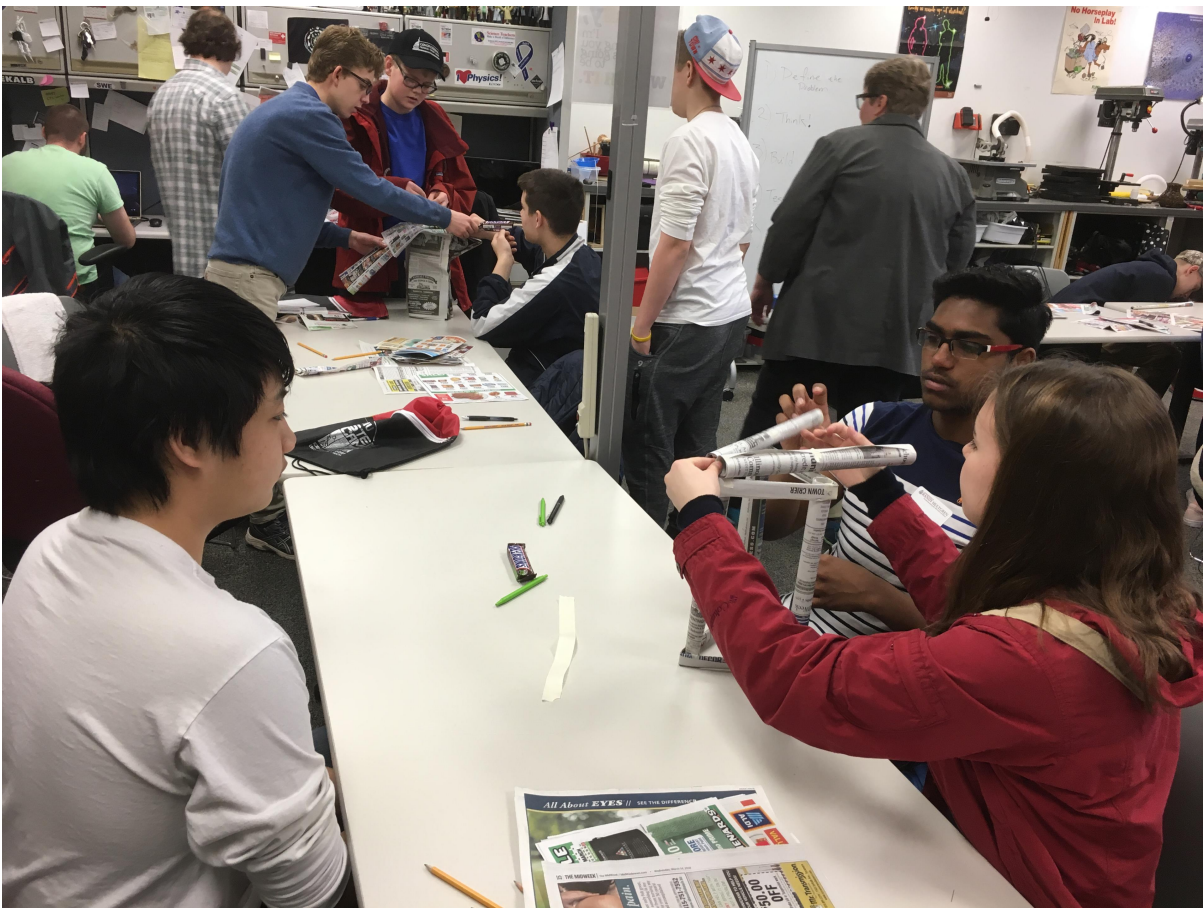
(Rep. Hultgren and STEM Scholars visit Northrop Grumman)

Northrop Grumman hosted us at its Rolling Meadows campus, which is home to roughly 2,500 employees and designs, produces and supports electronic warfare, infrared countermeasures and electro-optical/infrared targeting systems.

During the visit, we had the opportunity to tour Northrop Grumman's microelectronic labs, see how infrared countermeasures keep aircraft safe, learn about cutting edge sensors and the amazing science behind NASA's James Webb Space Telescope and engage in a panel discussion with some of Northrop Grumman's young engineers. I believe this amazing visit to a cutting edge company in our community will help inspire future generations to pursue careers in the STEM fields.



(Rep. Hultgren, STEM Scholars explore NIU's sub-ice rover)

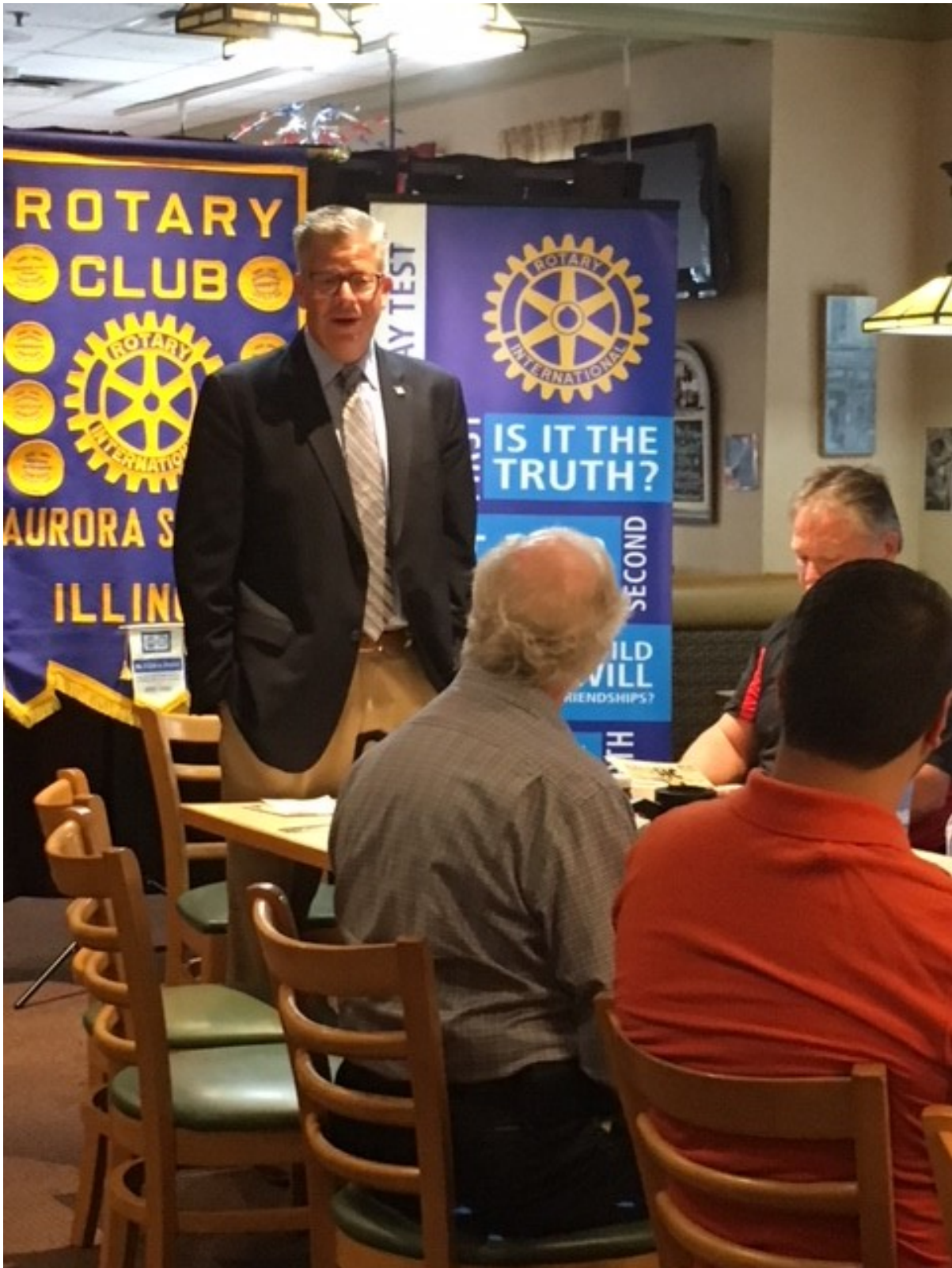


(Students engage in a team-building lab activity at NIU)

At Northern Illinois University, the STEM Scholars and I saw their sub-ice rover up close—a 2,200-pound robotic submarine charged with conducting research on the ice-water seafloor. [Click for a WIRED article to learn more.](#)

We also conducted team-building lab activities and tried out NIU's new laser cutters in their STEM Maker Labs.

Communities Joining to Fight Human Trafficking



(Rep. Hultgren speaks with Aurora Sunrise Rotary Club members)

This week, I joined the Rotary Club Aurora Sunrise to discuss a continuing problem in northern Illinois: human trafficking. Between 16,000 and 25,000 women and girls are trafficked annually in the Chicagoland region.

Congress has taken action to help fight this illicit activity. Since it became law on April 11, H.R. 1865, the Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, which I cosponsored, has already forced the closure of certain online communities and websites [that have facilitated sex trafficking](#).

Fixing a loophole in federal law, H.R. 1865 allows state authorities to investigate and prosecute websites that facilitate sex trafficking using state criminal statutes that prohibit sex trafficking or sexual exploitation of children.

I have introduced my own legislation, the Sex Trafficking Demand Reduction Act (H.R. 466), as well. [Click here to learn more](#).

In Your Service,



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Randy in the News

- [Letter: New federal law will help banks focus on customers](#) (State Journal-Register)
- [90 Members of Congress State Support of State Laws Defunding Planned Parenthood](#) (Caffeinated Thoughts)
- ['The last thing we should be waging is a trade war'](#) (Kendall County Now)



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